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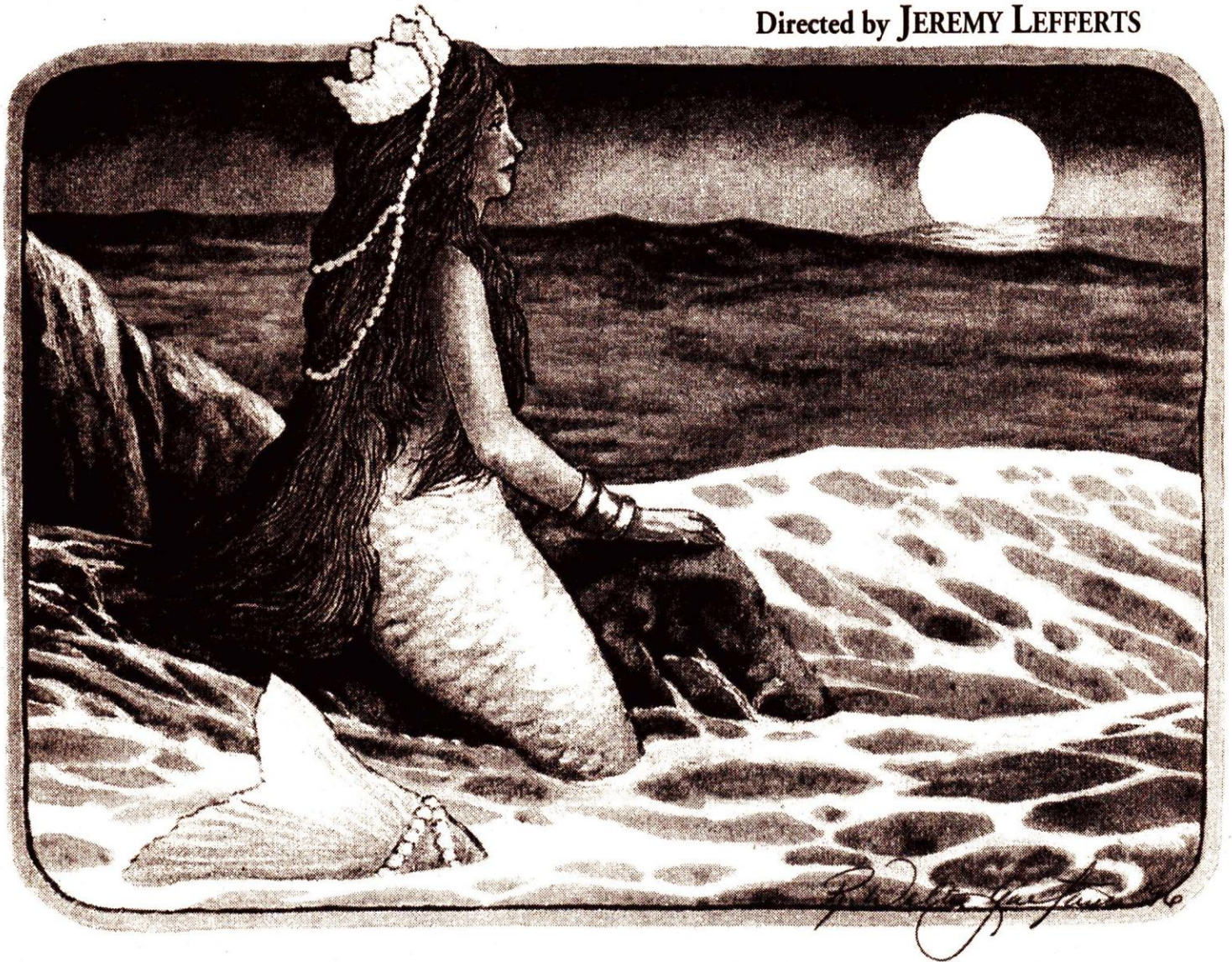
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Presents

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN'S

## THE LITTLE MERMAID

Directed by JEREMY LEFFERTS



Story adapted by R. EUGENE JACKSON

Music by CARL ALETTE

Produced by CLEO DROZEN, SHIRLEY McGEE and SHEILA ROBERTSON  
Musical Direction by CHAD OLIVERIA Choreography by MITZIE IMAGAWA

*Performed at*

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## Hans Christian Andersen's The Little Mermaid

## Musical Numbers

**Time**  
**About 1805 - 1815**

## Scene I

## Under the sea

Deep Down  
Deep Down Ballet  
Deep Down .....Mermaids, Fish  
  & Plants  
Deep Down March  
The Songs I Sing.....Anemone  
Deep Down March Reprise

## Scene II

### *Aboard a sailing ship*

The Crab .....Theodore,  
Sailors  
You Came Into My Life .....Anemone,  
Mermaids

### Scene III

*A few hours later  
In the Sea Witch's abode*

A Very Modest Fee ..... Sea Witch,  
Clem, Sharks

## Scene IV

*In a palace garden*

I Don't Wanna .....Theodore,  
Georgina, Clara  
A Very Modest Fee Reprise.....Sea Witch,  
Shark  
You Came Into My Life Reprise.....Anemone,  
Theodore,  
Chorus

## The Songs I Sing Reprise

**Chad Oliveria**  
*Musical Director*

Chad Oliveria is an active conductor, composer and performer in the Bay Area. He specializes in theatre music from Richard Rogers to Richard Wagner. He is also currently teaching saxophone at the Music Tree in Morgan Hill. Mr. Oliveria's most recent association with SVCT was this past summer as the musical director for *The Music Man* at the Live Oak Little Theater in Morgan Hill.

## Cast

Anemone .....	Erin Barber
Shelley .....	Angela Locsin
Pearly .....	Tierney Bushman
Misty .....	Nicole Monique Marlin
Sandy .....	Jaclyn Woolsey
Bubbly .....	Allyson Williams
Clem Clam .....	Michael D'Hondt
Rip-Tide .....	Vanessa Williams
Zip-Tide .....	Maureen McGinty
Ebb-Tide .....	David Imagawa Sandhu
King Neptune .....	Dustin Lofland
Grandmother .....	Heather Cowan
The Sea Witch .....	Christine Mantilla
Prince Theodore .....	Max Ornelas
First Mate .....	Ryan Scott
Sailor One .....	Jeremy Borgia
Pierre .....	Andi Goldstine
Georgina .....	Allison Homewood
Clara .....	Stephanie Egbert
Borgy .....	Nathan Casper
Minister/Sailor .....	Dustin Van Gundy
Shrimps .....	Aaron Moon, Mary Hill Tessa Fisher, Laura Rink Nicole Raynor, Jackie Moon
Announcer Fish .....	Mallory Homewood
Chorus Fish .....	Katie Lopuch Brianna Lopuch Faith Olson Marin Olson Amanda Johnson Brittany Drake
Urchin .....	Johanna Rompf Sarah Van Gundy Christy Love Chris Cantu Lee Henly
Seaweed Dancer .....	Jessie Rae Ornelas
Tapper Fish .....	Danielle Tarp Stephanie Egbert
Star Fish & Sailor .....	Russell Drake
Dance Fish .....	Cari Love
Chicken of the Sea .....	Nicholas Bowden Mitzie Imagawa



# Hans Christian Andersen's The Little Mermaid

## Production Staff

Producers .....	Cleo Drozen Shirley McGee Sheila Robertson
Director .....	Jeremy Lefferts
Musical Director .....	Chad Oliveria
Choreographer .....	Mitzi Imagawa
Audition Piano .....	Peg Jones
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Music Rehearsal .....	Angela Doss
Voice Coach .....	Shannon Drozer
Stage Manager .....	Lisa Johnson
Master Carpenter .....	Bob McGee
Set Designers .....	Jeremy Lefferts Bob McGee
Costume Coordinator .....	Sheila Robertson Cleo Drozen
Program Design/Layout .....	Sylvia Myrvold
Program Coordinator .....	Shirley McGee
Props Coordinator .....	Marite Mantilla
Stage Crew .....	Rika Bushman Chuck Rink Kevin Homewood Lauren Barber
Poster Coordinator .....	Kevin Homewood Maureen Williams
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Set Painting .....	Wanda Henly Lisa Johnson Karen Moon Mr. & Mrs. Hill
Snack Coordinator .....	Diana Rink
Cast Party .....	Jackie Moon Karen Moon Donna Lupich Lauren Barber
Poster Design .....	Richard Gaetano
Photographs .....	VSN Photography Phil Silvers

## About the directors...

### Jeremy Lefferts Director



This is Mr. Leffert's directorial debut with SVCT. His first was co-directing *How to Eat Like a Child* with Gavilan College's S.T.A.R. program. His second directing job was *The Phantom Rider* with Gaslighter's Music Hall. He has appeared in several shows, including *Little Shop of Horrors* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* with SVCT. Jeremy is amazed at the talent displayed by the cast, and is grateful for the support of the staff and parents involved in the show. He is deeply flattered by the trust displayed by the producers in allowing Jeremy to direct and learn from this production.

### Shannon Michelle Drozen Vocal Coach



Ms. Drozen started as a model at age 3 for Nordstrom in Seattle, Washington. She has performed in many musicals starting with the Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel, CA. She continued on in South County first with *Annie*, then *Tied to the Tracks* for SVCT, *The Wizard of Oz* at Gaslighter Theater, *The Miracle Worker* at Presentation High School and back to South County for Gaslighter's *Babes in Toyland* and *Beauty and the Beast*. This is her first time as vocal coach and she loves it. "This is a really talented group of kids, who will really go places."

### Mitzie Imagawa Choreographer



*The Little Mermaid* marks Mitzie's 4th show as choreographer with SVCT. No stranger to *step ball changes*, Mitzie has been dancing since she was 4. Although she has a B.A. in Biology and English from San Jose State University and is a credentialed English teacher, Mitzie's heart still remains true to dance. That's why she now owns and instructs Mitzie's Performance

Dance Studio in Gilroy. "Because the interest in theatre arts in South County is growing more than ever, it would be great to build and develop skilled dancers to enhance up and coming shows."



## Hans Christian Andersen's The Little Mermaid



**Erin Barber (Anemone)** is 10 years old and in the 5th grade at Nordstrom School in Morgan Hill. She takes acting, dance, piano, and voice lessons and has performed in many theater productions, most recently as "Beauty" in *Beauty and the Beast* at the Gaslighter and as Marta Von Trapp at Cabrillo College in Aptos. Erin also sings at

local county fairs with the group *Musical Magic*.



**Allison Homewood (Georgina)** is 12 years old and in the 7th grade. She's performed 3 times with Gaslighter and once before with SVCT. She is also performing in a musical review traveling around the Bay Area. She feels as though the stage is her 2nd home and she'll always perform because as she says it "There's no

place like home."



**Nathan Casper (Borgy)** is a newcomer to theater and he's really excited! He's sung with *Musical Magic* and *Holiday Magic* for the past 3 years and loves to perform. He's a straight A student and want to be a marine biologist. He loves to swim and play football. His #1 hobby is airplanes. When asked his favorite subject in school he said,

"Girls!"



**Dustin Lofland (King Neptune)** is an 8th grade student at Britton Middle School in Morgan Hill. His theater experience includes P.A. Walsh Drama Club's *Alice in Wonderland*, S.T.A.R., *Aesops Fables* with the Arts & Culture Society, as Gonzorgo in *Babes in Toyland*, the Beast in *Beauty and the Beast*, and most recently One Eye Blotts in *The Phantom Rider* at the

Gaslighter Theater in Gilroy.



**Heather Cowan (Grandmother)** is 11 years old and is a 6th grade student at Jackson Elementary School. Heather, at the age of four, was a commercial, fashion and fit model. She has appeared in ballets with the Morgan Hill Dance Company and sang for the Morgan Hill 1994 Fourth of July Show. She appeared in the San Jose Children's

Theatre's *Princess and the Pea* and *The Wizard of Oz*, SVCT's *Once Upon a Shoe* and *Charlotte's Web*. Heather is on the Morgan Hill Swim & Soccer Teams and takes art lessons in watercoloring.



**Christine Mantilla (The Sea Witch)** is an 11 year old "honor" student at St. Mary School. She was awarded the SVCT "Gypsy Robe" for her understudy to Annie in '94. Christine played The Velveteen Rabbit for SVCT in '94. She was the recipient of the SVCT Member's Choice award for "Youth Best Actress" for Charlotte in *Charlotte's*

*Web* in '95. Christine has taken classical ballet since age 5 and loves to read, sing and act. She was last seen as Snow White at the Gaslighter Theater.



**Michael D'Hondt (Clem-Clam)** is a 10 year old "honor" student at Pacific West Christian Academy. Michael loves acting, singing and making people laugh. He has been involved in theater since the age of four and has been in 15 productions since that time. *The Little Mermaid* is Michael's second play with SVCT. He was seen last year

as "Wilbur" in SVCT's *Charlotte's Web*. Michael also enjoys skiing, backpacking, reading, computers and chess.



**Max Ornelas (Prince Theodore)** is in the 8th grade at Spring Grove in Hollister. This is his second play. He was previously, seen as Dr. Foss in SVCT's *Hans Christian Andersen* last fall. Max is in the band at school and plays numerous musical instruments, including piano, flute, clarinet, piccolo and saxophone. He is a member of the 4H club in Hollister and shows beef, rabbit and poultry.



# Hans Christian Andersen's The Little Mermaid

## Supporting Players

**Brittany Drake** (Chorus/Fish) is a 10 year old 5th grade honor roll student at Rucker School. She has appeared in a variety of roles with SVCT, Gavilan's S.T.A.R. program, John Bisceglie Presents and Rucker Theater Arts. Brittany enjoys singing, reading and sleep-overs.

**Russell Drake** (Star Fish/Sailor) is a 7 year old 2nd grader at Luigi Aprea School. This is his 4th play. He always looks forward to being up on stage. Russell enjoys street hockey, basketball and building legos in his spare time.

**Johanna Rompf** (Urchin) is 10 years old and attends 5th grade at Paradise Valley School in Morgan Hill. Other interests include swimming and skiing. She recently performed in 95020's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Johanna's sunny disposition, natural comedic streak and flair for the dramatic make the theatre a comfortable environment for her.

**Lee Henly** (Urchin) is 12 years old, and a 7th grader attending Britton Junior High. This is his 2nd play with SVCT. He enjoys camping, swimming, BMX bikes, roller blading, and making low rider models, but he loves acting!

**Brianna Michelle Lopuch** (Chorus/Fish) enjoys writing, directing and starring in her own home-made variety shows—complete with commercials. Although she is taking a break from formal instruction she has had several years of classes in tap and jazz dancing. Her most recent performance was Mary in St John's Episcopal Church Christmas Pageant.

**Angela Locsin** (Shelly) is 13 years old and loves to sing and act. She was the Toymaster in *Babes in Toyland*, Amiens in Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, and the Reporter in *Charlotte's Web*. She also played fastpitch softball for The Pride of Morgan Hill. Another one of her hobbies is horseback riding on her horse Tiger. Her goal is to get more involved in theater.

**Jeremy Borgia** is a 4th grader at San Martin/Gwinn. He enjoys playing the violin, having taken lessons for 3 years, acting, singing, coloring and swimming. This is Jeremy's first show with SVCT although he has been in 6 other plays.

**Sarah Van Gundy** is 11 years old and attending her 1st year at Cornerstone Christian School. She loves to perform and this is her 5th play in community theater.

**Dustin Van Gundy** is 9 years old and attends 4th grade at Cornerstone Christian School. This is his 3rd play, his first was as Winthrop in SVCT's *The Music Man*.

**Mary Hill** is 7 years old and enjoys the theater very much and plans to pursue a career entertaining. This is her 2nd "professional" play and her goals are to play the leads when she's older and be funny characters.

**Laura Rink** is 9 years old and goes to Luigi Aprea School. She has performed at the Gaslighter Theater in *Beauty and the Beast*. This is her 2nd performance and she enjoys the theater so much.

**Nicole Rayner** (Shrimp) is a 7 year old 2nd grader at El Toro School. This is her 3rd play having appeared previously in *Mother Goose* and *Nanny Goats Gruff*.

**Christy Love** (Urchin) loves to read, sing and dance! Her role now is the head Sea Urchin but her dream is to progress to the role of Christine on the stage of *The Phantom of the Opera*. She is also the understudy to Anemone. It's been great working with Erin.

**Cori Love** (Seaweed) is a member of the Hollister Children's Choir and the Hollister Music and Fun Camp. Cori has developed her singing and performing talents to the delight of many audiences. Having participated as a biologist in the Calaveras School Gate program, she has also carried her weight as the narrator for the HCC production of *A Visit from St. Nick* and *The Halloween Silly Song Concert*.

**Danielle Tarp** (Tapper Fish) is 10 1/2 years old and in the 6th grade at Cornerstone Christian School in Gilroy. Her favorite sports are baseball and basketball. He hobbies are rollerblading, swimming and jumping on her trampoline and dancing and acting.

**Jackie Moon** (Shrimp) is an aspiring 8 year old 3rd grader. She loves to sing, dance and be in plays. She is new to Gilroy and is glad to be in the show. She hopes to become a costume designer when she grows up.

**Marin Olson** is in the 6th grade at Jackson Elementary. She enjoys acting, drawing, piano and ice skating.

**Faith Olson** is in the 4th grade at Jackson School. She sang with the South Valley Children's Choir last spring. She likes acting, art, reading, piano and learning how to Hula Dance.

**Vanessa Williams** (Rip-Tide) is an 8th grader at Britton Middle School in Morgan Hill. Her previous performances include the *Charlotte's Web* production by SVCT, *Beauty and the Beast* by the Gaslighter in Gilroy and *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* and *West Side Story* produced by the S.T.A.R. program at Gavilan College.

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**Supporting Players**

**Mallory Homewood** (Announcer Fish) is 9 years old and attends Luigi Aprea School. This is her 4th play, and she is also currently performing in a musical review at local fairs. Her lifelong dream is to become a professional comedian to make people laugh, (and to bring in the big bucks).

**Maureen McGinty** (Zip-Tide) is a 7th grader and student council member at St. Mary School. *The Little Mermaid* is Maureen's 14th show and her 6th with SVCT. She was recently one of the seven dwarves in the Gaslighter Theater's *Snow White*. Maureen loves dance and theater and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Tierney Bushman** (Pearly) has been seeing plays since she was 5 years old. She was in her first play when she was 9. She is now 11 and loves to act and sing.

**Jaclyn Woolsey** (mermaid Sandy) Eight year old Jaclyn attends 3rd grade in Morgan Hill and this is her 3rd play. (You may have also seen her in *Beauty and the Beast* and *Charlotte's Web*.) She looks forward to singing new songs and making new friends while performing with the Mermaid cast.

**Katie Lopuch** (chorus/fish) Katie is currently taking a break from her tap class, but enjoys taking part in her sister's home shows as well as school plays and the church Christmas Pageant.

**Stephanie Egbert** (Clara/Tapper Fish) is 10 years old. She is in the 5th grade at Paradise Valley School. *The Little Mermaid* is her 4th play this year and her 1st play with SVCT. Stephanie has been singing and dancing since she learned how to walk and talk and loves the-  
atrics. This is Stephanie's 5th year at Lana's Dance in Morgan Hill.

**Jessie Ornelas** (Seaweed Dancer) is 12 years old. He is in 4H and shows a steer and does arts and crafts. Jessie likes to ride horses and work with his steer. He likes to plant vegetables and flowers. He likes to sing and is in the school choir. This is his 1st time in a play.

**Aaron Moon** (Shrimp) is a talented 7 year old 2nd grader. He loves to sing and dance and really enjoys drama. He has been in a few other shows. However, this is his first performance with SVCT. He looks forward to many other future performances.

**Nicholas Bowden** (Chicken of the Sea) will be 7 in October and goes to El Toro School. He was a spider in Babes in Toyland, The Troll in The Nanny Goat.

**Kaola Sergent** (Shrimp) is thoroughly enjoying her role as a shrimp in spite of the cold and many hours of rehearsal.

**Amanda Johnson** (chorus/Fish) is 8 years old and will be attending 3rd grade at Paradise Valley School in Morgan Hill. She has attended 3 years of dance lessons and performed in 3 dance recitals. Amanda enjoys singing, dancing and participating in the performing arts. Amanda performed in *Beauty and the Beast* as Residue, one of Beauty's sisters. She is very excited about performing in *The Little Mermaid*.

**Andi Goldstine** (Pierre) is 11 years old and in the 6th grade at Rod Kelley school. She performed in SVCT's *Charlotte's Web*. She likes going to the beach, riding in classic sport cars, bowling, rollerblading, writing stories, playing baseball, basketball, violin, flute and piano. Andi loves all animals, especially cats, dogs, horses and pandas.

**Tessa Fischer** (shrimp) is a 5 year old and in 1st grade at Country Lane School. She started taking dance when she was 2 and has fallen in love with being on stage. She has performed at numerous retirement homes, fairs and recitals. This is Tessa's 3rd musical production, Her favorite role was The Magic Looking Glass in 95020's *Beauty and the Beast*.

**Nicole Monique Marlin** (Misty) is 10 and in the 6th grade. Her hobbies are singing, acting, basketball, volleyball, softball and reading. She's been in many musicals, pantomime and plays. She's sung in church many times. Nicole has been playing the piano for 3 1/2 years and has played in the church a few times.

**Allyson Williams** (Bubbly) is a 5th grader at Paradise Valley School in Morgan Hill. Her previous performances include *Charlotte's Web* by SVCT, *Beauty and the Beast* by Gaslighter Theater and the *Sorcerer's Apprentice* and *West Side Story* by the S.T.A.R. program at Gavilan College.

**Ryan Scott** (First Mate) was born in San Jose, November 12, 1985 and resides in Gilroy. He is in the 5th grade at Pacific West Christian Academy. Ryan's currently in the Hans Bronson Gold Medal Mission and finished Short Stops in June, 1996. March 1996 he enjoyed playing in Western Expansion.

**David Imagawa Sandhu** (Ebb Tide) is a 5th grader at San Martin/Gwinn. He has always been interested in sharks, so he's really excited to be playing one. He attends acting, singing and dancing classes at Mitzie's performance! Dance Studio. This is David's 3rd show with SVCT.

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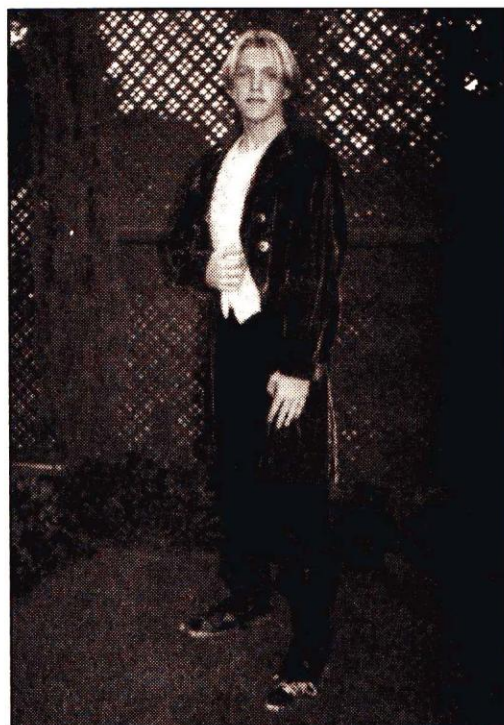
### Still homeless after all these years...

It has been 1 year since SVCT had to vacate their playhouse in Morgan Hill. During that year they have managed to acquire a space for rehearsals and some storage but have yet to find a permanent facility. They have performed at Gavilan College, Live Oak High School and now Guglielmo Winery. While each of these sites have been greatly appreciated, the theatre suffers from the lack of an



established home. The equipment is still being stored by numerous generous households. The producers of each show are still having to hunt down a suitable location for each production. In many cases, they are having to compromise on rehearsal times and set construction. The audience doesn't always know where to find the next show. Needless to say, it has been a very difficult year! However, reluctant to let down the community they have been serving for 28 years now, they have managed to

deliver the entire season, as promised. With the introduction of more theater groups to the area it is becoming increasingly more difficult to accommodate everyone. It is time for all supporters of the performing arts to speak up. Morgan Hill has an excellent soccer complex. Gilroy is about to get a beautiful new sports complex adjoining Christmas Hill Park. A new basketball gym has been proposed for Las Animas Park. While these facilities will be a welcome addition to the community, they do not fulfill the needs of a large percentage. It is time for the South County to add a Center for the Performing Arts to their general plan. No one who supports the performing arts wants to limit the number or variety of theatrical companies currently serving the community. But the establishment of useable facilities has not kept up with the demand. Call or write your city council members and let them know how very important the arts are to all of us. "If you build it,





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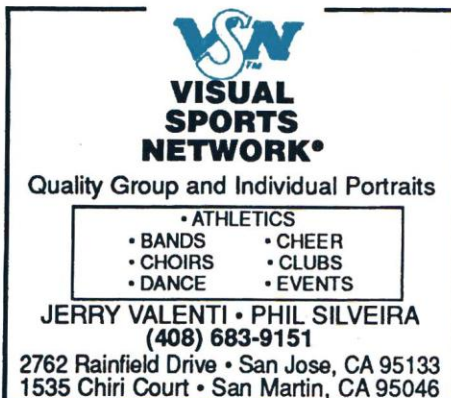


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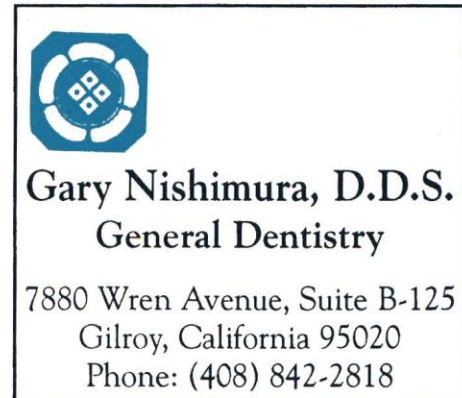


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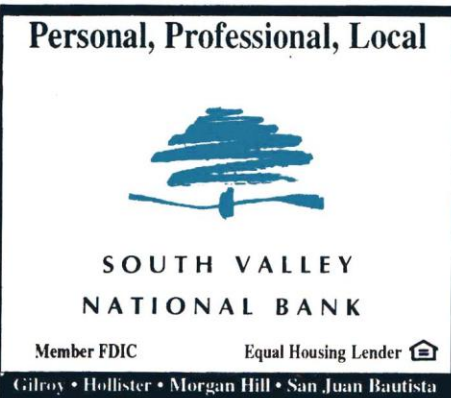
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